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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Prior to the issuance of a first Office Action please amend the application as follows:

Please add the following new claims:

- 15. An optical amplifier comprising:
- an input terminal receiving an optical input signal;
 - an optical coupler dividing the optical input signal into a first optical signal and a second optical signal;
 - an optical filter operatively connected to the optical coupler and passing the optical input signal of the first optical signal;

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Level of input power, complete, ?
a detector operatively connected to the optical filter for detecting a level of the optical input signal; and
an optical fiber amplifier operatively connected to the optical coupler for amplifying the optical input signal of the second optical signal.- -

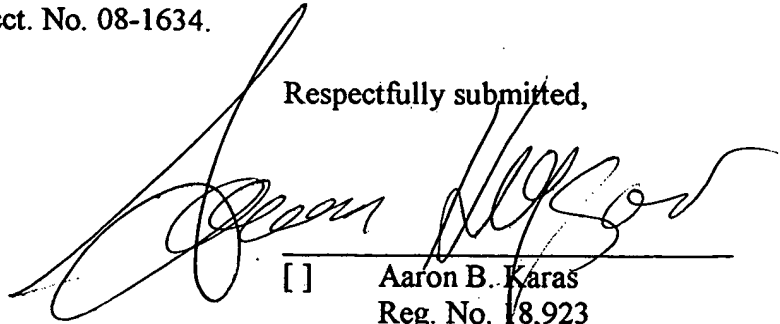
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--16. An optical amplifier comprising:
an input terminal receiving an optical input signal;
an optical coupler dividing the optical input signal into a first optical signal and a second optical signal;
an optical filter operatively connected to the optical coupler and blocking an exciting light;
a detector operatively connected to the optical filter for detecting a level of the optical input signal; and
an optical fiber amplifier operatively connected to the optical coupler for amplifying the optical input signal of the second optical signal.- -

REMARKS

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